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WELCOME

Hello and welcome to this first edition of Welford Matters – a new magazine for our village! It was clear from talking to a number of people around the village that the previous Parish News was sorely missed. As a result, a small group of volunteers decided to get together and, with the support of the Welford Parish Council, discussed how we could get a new and independent magazine organized and up and running.

The objective was quite simple – we should design a magazine that was prepared by the village, for the village. It should be informative, interesting and made available free of charge to all residents. Setting out with that ambition, we contacted as many local organisations and societies as we could in the time available so that we could get this launch issue printed and circulated before the end of September.

But this is just the beginning. If we are to have a village magazine that is truly local and relevant to Welford, we need your help! Using the dedicated email address welfordmatters@gmail.com, we would like your feedback on this issue and suggestions for future articles and features. We need you to submit items that you think would be of interest to people – maybe stories about Welford, interesting photos of the village, nearby places to visit, events that are scheduled to take place, hobbies and pastimes, a review of a book that you've read, a favourite holiday? The list can be almost endless – the important thing is that it comes from you - the residents of Welford-on-Avon.

Let's also not forget the contributions from our advertisers who are so important, not only because they represent local enterprise and commerce but because they are essential to this magazine's future viability. If you know of businesses that would be interested in placing an advert in the magazine, to reach an audience of the entire village, then let us know.

The intention initially is to publish a magazine at least once every two months. Issue 2 will be circulated during the last week of November and the deadline for all articles and submissions needs to be 28 October 2016. If you would like to help in any way – particularly on distributing our magazine around the village – then we would love to hear from you.

Finally it is just for me to thank the team and helpers who have ensured that we could get the new magazine off the ground. I hope you enjoy reading this first issue because to many people in and around the village – Welford matters!

Richard

If you have any feedback for **Welford Matters** or would be interested in joining the team, please email:

welfordmatters@gmail.com

We would love to hear from you!

MEET THE TEAM

Richard Ham - Editor (pictured above) A former finance director and now a business consultant, Richard and his family moved to Welford nearly 16 years ago. Richard realised how much the previous parish magazine was missed and he was keen to get involved in developing a new publication for the village.

Norman Leece - Treasurer

After many years of enjoying Welford life Norman now has the time to 'give something back' so has volunteered to help publish Welford Matters, which hopefully will become the voice of the village and the community.

Colin Winston - Website Co-ordinator

Having moved from Devon 25 years ago Colin has been very happy in Welford, although he still misses the sea! A retired IT manager, he now maintains the Parish Website keeping the content in sync with Welford Matters.

Matthew Winston - Design

Recently returned from Manchester, Matthew brings tales of the big city back to the village he grew up in. With experience in print and design he will be lending his skills to help support the new community magazine.

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Welford community

Welford Scout Group

The three sections of our group are all thriving at the moment. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts together cater for boys and girls, from 6 years to 14 years. A parent's guide to Scouting, published by the Scout Association, is entitled From Abseiling to Zorbing and we certainly try to offer a huge range of activities, organised by a team of committed leaders and supported by an Executive Committee that makes sure the funds are available for whatever the youngsters are doing. At the end of the summer term we said "Goodbye" to our Cub Scout Leader, Terry Evans. Our grateful thanks are due to Terry who worked very hard to organise some great activities for the Cubs over a period of 25 years. We welcome Jack and Rachel Bartholomew to the Cub Scout section as they take over as leaders at the start of the new term.

Our Waiting List is still over-subscribed for the next couple of years but if you have a youngster who is going to be four years old in the next few months please get in touch with us now to get his/her name on our waiting list for when they reach their sixth birthday.

Please email welfordscoutgroup@yahoo.com for further details about the Group and, if you would be willing to help us in any way, particularly as a leader, we would be delighted to hear from you. Our aim, as well as giving the youngsters a great time, would be to make sure the adults in the Group enjoy themselves as well.

CONTACT THE ELDERLY

My husband and I have been part of the Stratford group for some time. This is a group which provides monthly tea parties for lonely and elderly people, and it has been really successful. So much so, that it is unable to accommodate all the requests from beyond Stratford. So, it has been suggested that we set up a new group centred on Welford and Bidford.

We are looking for drivers willing to commit to monthly meetings (within reason) and hosts who are able to provide tea, cake and sandwiches to possibly a dozen guests and their drivers. The hosts would need to commit to about one event a year, (depending on the response).

If anyone in Welford or Weston is interested in helping in this worthy project, please get in touch with us on 01789 750971. Many thanks in advance.

Linda Horrocks

Who are Welford Wives ?

A village-based group set up over 50 years ago by local residents, some of whom are still members. Apparently it was called Young Wives in those days and we still like to think of ourselves as having a young outlook.

We have no affiliations to national organisations so we can choose exactly what we want to do and this also means our annual membership fee is kept to a minimum. ►

We meet up on the first Wednesday of every month in the evening for a pre-arranged talk, visit or activity followed by coffee/tea. We have speakers on a wide range of topics chosen by members and have arranged guided tours around local villages which result in refreshments at the local public house. We treat ourselves to a meal in a local restaurant at Christmas, plus a barbecue in the summer where we invite husbands to do the cooking and also have an annual skittles competition at the Bowls Club.

Although not specifically a fund-raising organisation, we like to make a donation to local or national charities most years, and past donations have included the Shakespeare Hospice, the Air Ambulance, and Save the Children. We currently have about 30 members on our list but would love to welcome some new members and are very open to new ideas for events and activities.

On September 7th, our meeting in the Memorial Hall concerned Basic Life Support training.

On Wednesday 5th October we are again in the Memorial Hall having a talk by the Severn Free Wheelers local blood delivery service run by motorcycle volunteers.
The meeting will start at 7pm and finish at about 9:30pm - everyone is welcome to attend.

So if you are thinking you would like to join us or have any questions, please do get in touch with either Sue Hook on 751400 or Christine Cooper on 750667.

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Bank Holiday Festivities - A Musical Evening

We were very lucky this year to have a choice of village events over the August Bank Holiday weekend. First up was a "Musical Evening" on the Bell Inn Green on Saturday. The Team set up in the afternoon and erected the marquee just in time to shelter from a deluge of monsoon proportions. The thunder and lightning was spectacular from inside the tent and the Bell Green became an island as the roads ran like rivers. It was not looking good for an outdoor event that evening. However, Alan Smart managed to pull a few strings (as usual) to ensure the rest of the day was rain free so in the end there was a good turnout to enjoy a warm and balmy evening.

In addition to musical entertainment there were plenty of refreshments on offer to sustain the audience. The Street Fair BBQ Team did their usual grand job keeping up a constant supply of burgers and hot dogs, Ema from Maypole Butchers provided a wonderful curry that everyone enjoyed including Peter Barnes' dog, I know because it ate mine! There was even dessert available in the form of ice cream from Annie's Antics. Colin Ombler kindly provided a bar outside the Bell Inn to lubricate the voices of those who sang along to the music.

Musical entertainment for the evening was kicked off by a great Jazz Trio featuring singer Ruth Frith. Their mellow laid back style was a perfect fit for the occasion and by popular demand they came back for a second set later in the evening. Dave Trow entertained everyone with covers of pop, rock and soul standards followed by star of stage & screen Paul Greenwood who gave a virtuoso performance, crooning his way through Sinatra's back catalogue. Finally "Loosely Covered" took to the stage, an amalgam of musicians from local bands The Loose Covers and The Throws, who played an eclectic mix of more up tempo music that stirred a number of the audience to get up and strut their stuff! It may be some time before the Bell Green recovers. The evening finally came to an end about 10.00pm when it was far too dark to see what was going on.

Thanks must go to Spitfire Homes for their contribution towards the costs, David Nichol for loan of marquee and directives for assembly, Clive Burrows for providing the straw bale seating (does anyone know what happened to the 11 missing straw bales !?) and especially to Alan Smart and the Memorial Hall team for organising, setting up and clearing away. Who knows, when the team eventually recovers they may do it again next year?

Colin Winston

Bank Holiday Festivities - Family Fun Day

Allied to a bar, barbecue, tea tent, bouncy castle, Pimms tent, numerous stalls and live music the inaugural Welford CC 6-a-side Cricket Tournament took place on Sunday August 28th. The competition for the John Rose Shield saw eight teams in two groups of four bowling five overs, (one from each member of the team apart from the keeper) against each other before the Group winners contested the final.There were four sides organised by players from WCC plus guest teams from Campden Research and Stratford Bards. Two teams representing The Shakespeare Inn and Fat Dads FC completed the lineup.

While the appropriately named 'Taptapboom' side cruised through Group A, Group B was a much closer affair with Campden Research and local side 'Pimms Intent' winning their first two matches then completing a tie with both sides scoring 44 for 1. Although the rules of the competition meant that 'Pimms Intent' qualified on most runs scored in their three group matches they generously agreed to a single over play off and Campden beat their target of 11 runs off the final ball.

The final was a suitably classy and close contest. Campden set an imposing target of 64 off their five overs and looked in control as 'Taptapboom' were left needing 31 off two overs and then 13 off the last three balls. The Campden skipper's hitherto immaculate line and length deserted him allowing their opponents to run three off a wide and a final ball four through the covers saw 'Taptapboom' home to cheers from the sizable crowd who remained to the end of an enjoyable and highly successful day.

Immense credit must go to local businessman and WCC Saturday Captain Ben Satchwell for a tremendous effort in organising so many contributions to the day which raised over £2000 in aid of WCC and Motor Neurone Research.

Guy Lane

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The Heron

The Grey Heron (Latin name Ardea cinerea) is a water bird and therefore fairly usual to spot in the village, often on the river but also around our garden ponds where the lure of a ready-meal proves an irresistible temptation. Even if you go for weeks without seeing one then you can't escape the heron because its picture features on the signs welcoming visitors to Welford.

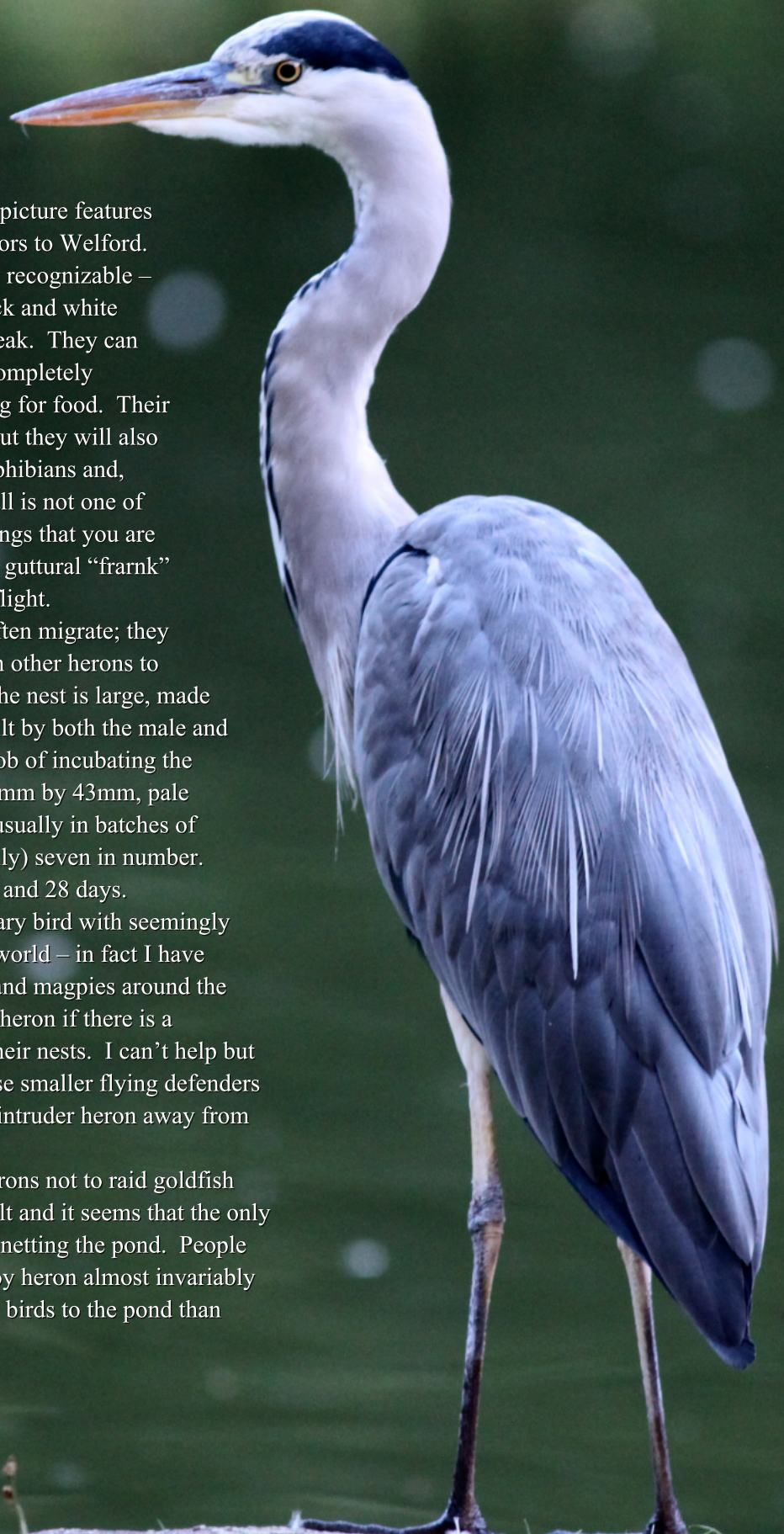
Grey Herons are instantly recognizable – tall with long legs, grey, black and white feathers and a long, lethal, beak. They can seemingly stand for hours, completely motionless and alone, looking for food. Their diet consists mainly of fish but they will also feed on small mammals, amphibians and, occasionally, birds. Their call is not one of the most attractive of bird songs that you are likely to hear – comprising a guttural "frarnk" sort of noise, often made in flight.

Our grey herons do not often migrate; they nest in tall trees, usually with other herons to form a colony or heronry. The nest is large, made from twigs and grass and built by both the male and female birds who share the job of incubating the eggs. The eggs are about 60mm by 43mm, pale greenish-blue in colour and usually in batches of between two and (occasionally) seven in number. Incubation takes between 23 and 28 days.

The heron is a fairly solitary bird with seemingly few friends in the feathered world – in fact I have frequently witnessed crows and magpies around the village gathering to mob the heron if there is a likelihood of it threatening their nests. I can't help but admire the pluckiness of these smaller flying defenders as they seem to "escort" the intruder heron away from their patch.

Persuading marauding herons not to raid goldfish ponds can prove very difficult and it seems that the only 100% effective protection is netting the pond. People who have tried a plastic decoy heron almost invariably find them more likely to lure birds to the pond than frighten them away from it!

Robin



The Parish Church of Saint Peter

Journeying on

As I write this letter, the school holidays are coming to an end, the shops have now got their 'Autumn ranges' in and dare I say it – a nearby Garden Centre has begun to clear a space for their Christmas range – I even detected a few Christmas decorations amongst the boxes!

This time of year heralds a time of new beginnings and a time of change for many as new schools are started, students move away from home to university and graduates have hopefully stepped out into the workplace. Many people are on journeys of one kind or another.

The Bible is also full of people on the move: Abraham journeys to the promised land; generations later his descendants journey from slavery and oppression in Egypt; many generations later they journey back to the promised land after their forced exile to Babylon. Jesus himself journeys on towards the cross and after the resurrection the apostles continue to journey across the Roman empire as they proclaim the message of Jesus to the ends of the earth.

If you look back over the past year I expect many things will have changed in your own life. We're different to the person we were this time last year, our children have grown up a little, we might have lost a loved one and even our world is so very different. One of my favourite children's song talks about a journey:

Step by step, on and on; we will walk with Jesus till the journey's done.
He's the one to follow, in His footsteps we will tread; don't worry about tomorrow, Jesus knows the way ahead…

And many of you will be familiar with the lovely poem 'Footprints in the sand'. ►

However old or young we are, we are all on a journey and the good news is that Jesus journeys alongside us. In fact he has already gone before us and we can safely place our feet in the footprints he has left for us to follow. And when the going gets too tough, he will be there to carry and support us. All we need to do is ask him.

And so I leave you with a prayer for the journey ahead:

Gracious God, day after day, year after year, you are there to hold on to us.
Day after day, year after year, help us to hold on to you, by the grace of Christ. Amen.

With my very best wishes

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Dates for your Diary

St Peter's, Welford

Sunday Worship There are 2 main Sunday Services at Welford both lasting about 1hr: The 9.30am Service is usually a traditional service where music is led by the organ and choir. The 11am service is a more contemporary service where music is led by a music group. You would be very welcome at either service.

September

25th September	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	11 am	Family Worship

October

2nd October	10.30 am	Harvest Festival
8th October	(Saturday)	Harvest Supper at Welford Bowling Club. Buffet Supper and Bar. Tickets £5
9th October	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
	11 am	Worship Together
16th October	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	11 am	Family Communion ►

The Parish Church of Saint Peter

23rd October	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	11 am	Family Communion
30th October	11 am	Family Communion and Toy Service followed by 'Bring and share' lunch. Please bring along an 'unwrapped' toy/gift appropriate for a child or teenager. These will then be wrapped and distributed at Christmas by the Birmingham City Mission. Preacher Wes Erpen (BCM)
November		
6th November	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	11 am	Worship Together
13th November	10.45 am	Remembrance Sunday Service
20th November	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	11 am	Family Communion
27th November	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	11 am	Family Service

All Saints Weston

Sunday Services at All Saints Weston are usually traditional and follow the words of the old Book of Common Prayer. On the first Sunday of the month there are usually hymns led by the organ.
Each Wednesday at 5pm Evening Prayers are said

September		
25th September	6.30 pm	Harvest Festival
October		
2nd October	11 am	Holy Communion
9th October	11 am	Holy Communion
16th October	8 am	Holy Communion
23rd October	-	No Service
30th October	11 am at St Peter's, Welford	
November		
6th November	11 am	Holy Communion
13th November	10.50 am	Remembrance Sunday Service
20th November	8 am	Holy Communion
27th November	-	No service

Safer Neighbourhood Team

A message from our Police Community Support Officer – PCSO Rebecca Morris

Hello and firstly let me introduce myself! My name is Becky and I'm the Police Community Support Officer for the Welford on Avon area. I have been a PCSO for ten years now with the majority of my service covering the Alcester South Safer Neighbourhood Team locality (this encompassing Alcester, Bidford on Avon, Salford Priors, Welford on Avon up to the borders of Worcestershire and conversely to the borders of Stratford upon Avon.

Whilst relatively a low crime area, Welford does on its occasions have spate of crime and therefore still requires a proactive policing response from both the community and response police officers. From researching the crime figures since the start of 2016 there has been 83 reported incidents into Police for the Welford and Weston area. This is not necessarily crime but also encompasses reported accidents within the area. Predominately however the highlighted crime issue is burglaries of out buildings particularly sheds. It is found particularly during summer months that sheds become very desirable to offenders as items such as power tools and garden machinery as these are easily sellable. As some basic but useful advice, with a permanent marker pen, write your postcode and a unique identifier to your property on any valuable items as this not only makes items less desirable for offenders but also enables items to be easily returned should the worse happen and they were stolen.

As a Safer Neighbourhood Team we are able to come and mark your items of property free of charge therefore if you were wishing for this to be done please give me a call either on 07823533488 or 01789444816.

On a final note a community speed watch scheme is being set up within Welford and is actively seeking volunteers to join the group. The CSW schemes conduct traffic monitoring with a speed gun on behalf of the Police and any vehicle found to be speeding through a designated monitoring area will be issued with a warning letter. This is a very effective system and something which I'm enthusiastically supporting for Welford. Should you wish to receive more information regarding this scheme then give me a call on the detailed numbers or send me an email.

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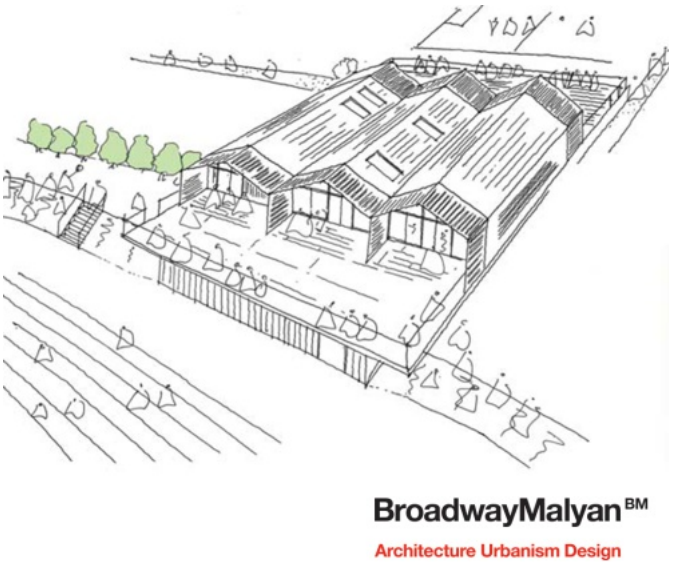


New Sports Facility

The Village of Welford-on-Avon is experiencing significant expansion, which will undoubtedly result in an increase in the demand for local amenities and facilities.

Previous village consultations and surveys have identified a desire for improved sports facilities, and the local sports community have identified a suitable location for a facility and have consulted with Sport England to gauge the viability of such a project. The feedback we have received from Sport England is very positive and we now wish to take the outline proposals to the next level. This will involve setting up a new independent organisation, potentially a "Community Interest Company" and the development of a project plan.

We are looking for a local volunteer to head the new organisation. Ideally the person should:

- **Be enthusiastic about sports and recreation**
- **Have previous project management experience**
- **Be based locally**

The role will initially be a voluntary position, but it may lead to a remunerated position. Interested parties should contact:

Tony Brookes
Chairman Welford Sports Club
tony.brookes@wucs.co.uk
07760 615941 or 01789 750913

Welford Over 60's Club

On behalf of all the Over 60's I would like to say "welcome" to Welford Matters. We, and I am sure most of the older people in the village, greatly missed the Parish News which was our main source of information about village affairs. So Good Luck to the new publication, we hope it will be a great success.

Despite not being able to widely advertise the event, the strawberries and cream garden party, to raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind, was held in my garden on a lovely day in July. We all had an enjoyable time and on the day we raised £580. Together with another fund raising event we had already held, they received £703.50 in total which was much appreciated. A big thank you to all the helpers and everyone who contributed towards the success of the day.

We are holding another fund raising event, as detailed below. The Hospice does such marvellous work but has to rely on charitable donations to be able to function. It has been such a support to me over the past months and is a life-line for many local people. So please come along and support your local Hospice.

Jean Stone

The Welford & Weston Local History Society Programme of events 2016 – 2017

If you are already one of the eighty or so members of the Local History Society you will have been made aware of our Programme for the next season. If not, then thanks to Welford Matters we now have a way of getting in touch with you.

I'd like to welcome the many new people who have made their homes in Welford and invite them to come along to one of our meetings and if they enjoy the evening to join our Society.

The membership fee for the annual season of talks is £5. Visitors can attend individual meetings for £3. Our meetings are held on Friday evenings at 7:30, at the Memorial Hall on the High Street. Here's a taster to whet your appetite for the meetings of our next season.

30 September 2016

Richard III. The Bosworth Battlefield Survey, and the Grey Friars , Leicester excavation.
Speaker: Peter Liddle MBE

Ever since 2013, when the University of Leicester announced to the world's press, that the human remains that their excavation had uncovered under a municipal carpark in Leicester were indeed those of King Richard III, I have wanted to find a suitable speaker on this subject. In Peter Liddle I believe we have that person. (See more information on the following page)

25 November 2016

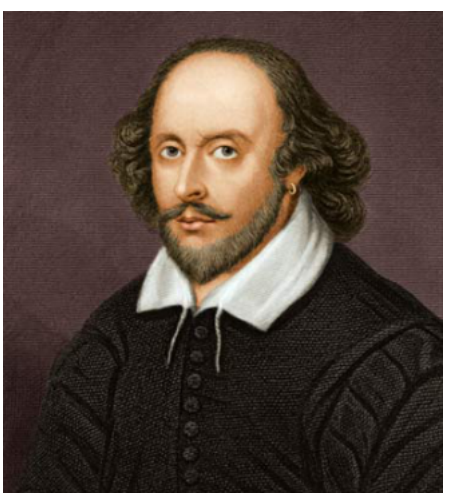
'A line of pits or a pit alignment. The 2015 summer excavations in Welford.'
Speaker: Andrew Hyam

Many of you will remember the excavations that took place in Welford during the summer of 2015. One of the conditions of granting planning permission for The Arbour development off Barton Road was that an Archaeological Survey be carried out. This was done by the University of Leicester Archaeological Services department. They discovered a large number of Iron Age pits, over a wide area. Many of these were aligned in an East /West direction. The leader of this work has agreed to come and talk about what they found at our November meeting.

27 January 2017

'With the best Will in the world'.
Speaker John Harris

For our January meeting I'm really delighted to say John Harris, himself a member of our Society, will be giving a talk entitled 'With the best Will in the world'. This talk will be based on John's work at the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust.



24 March 2017

'The true history of Mrs. Maria Home, Housekeeper to the Earls of Warwick' (1776-1834).
Speaker Dr. Sylvia Pinches

This lady is an excellent speaker, and I think you'll be fascinated by her unusual talk.

21 April 2017

AGM
To round off the year, we will have the AGM. This will be followed by a general knowledge Quiz and a Fish & Chip supper.

I'd like to also mention a collaboration that the Local History Society now has with the local primary school. We started an after school History club back in April 2016. This is run jointly by myself and Charlotte Moss a new teacher to the school last year, and a History graduate from Oxford. We meet about once every 4 weeks, and have so far had three meetings with about 20 children attending each time.

For more information on the above programme please contact me or one of the other Committee members.

Brad Plimmer

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'To entertain these fair well-spoken days'

Richard III, The Bosworth Battlefield Survey and Grey Friars Excavation

An illustrated talk by Peter Liddle in the Memorial Hall, Welford on Avon at 7:30 pm, on Friday, 30 September 2016

Richard III's reign was cut short in 1485, when Henry Tudor's inferior force engaged Richard's army and defeated it at the Battle of Bosworth, near Leicester. Richard was struck down in the conflict, making him the last English king to die in battle on home soil. After the battle Richard's corpse was taken to Leicester and buried without pomp or ceremony.

The very extensive survey carried out (2005-2009) by the Battlefields Trust led eventually to the discovery of the real location of the core battlefield as well as other significant finds, including a small silver gilt badge depicting a boar. Experts believe that the boar badge could indicate the actual site of Richard III's death, since this high-status badge depicting his personal emblem, was probably worn by a member of his close retinue.

His original tomb monument is believed to have been removed during the Reformation, and his remains were lost for more than five centuries, some people believing them to have been thrown into the River Soar.

In August 2012, the University of Leicester in collaboration with the Richard III Society & Leicester City Council began an ambitious archaeological project: no less than a search for the lost grave of King Richard III. Incredibly, the excavation uncovered not only the friary of Grey Friars but also a battle-scarred skeleton with spinal curvature. On 4th February 2013, the University announced to the world's press that these were the remains of King Richard III.

Our speaker will be Peter Liddle MBE. His talk will cover the two projects; the earlier Bosworth Battlefield Survey which as County Archaeologist for Leicestershire he managed for the County. More recently, having taken early retirement, he was again involved and frequently visited the Grey Friars project. The second part of Peter's talk will cover the background to the search, the discovery and identification of the remains of King Richard III. Surely one of the most extraordinarily serendipitous archaeological projects of modern times.

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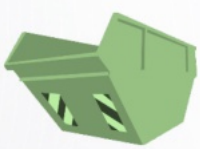

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There are many ways that Birmingham City Mission achieve their aim of 'serving the city'. Their Care Centre, provides a place where homeless people can drop in and have a meal and a chat. 'Elderlink' cares for the elderly, providing home visits and a lunch club 3 days a week. The Mission's Children's Teamwork in schools and run holiday clubs and the Youth Team organise events and take disadvantaged young people on an annual Youth Camp.

St. Peter's Church, Welford supports this Mission and regularly contribute to the Resource Centre. The Mission's van comes to Welford to collect furniture, clothes, bedding, household goods etc. which have been donated by local people. Last year the Centre was able to help in the region of 2,500 people.

The Mission's 'Basic's Bank' supplies food to people in need, many having been referred by Social Care services and other agencies. There is a collection box at the back of St. Peter's for donations of non-perishable food items for the Basics Bank as well as an annual collection at Harvest (see below for details of this year's Harvest Thanksgiving).

St. Peter's holds an annual Toy Service where toys and gifts are collected for distribution by the Mission ► to families in need at Christmas. We are very happy that Wes Erpen, Chief Executive of Birmingham City Mission, will be speaking at our Toy Service this year on 30th October at 11 a.m.

You can find out more about Birmingham City Mission through their website:
www.birminghamcitymission.org.uk
If you would like to contribute to their work in any way through St. Peter's Church please contact Jan Harris (750329).

All are welcome at the following special events to celebrate our links with the Mission...

St. Peter's Church
Welford on Avon

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

You are invited to
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on Sunday October 2nd
at 10.30 a.m. in St. Peter's Church

Any contributions of non-perishable food items for Birmingham City Mission's Basics Bank will be gratefully received on the day.

Mix

Mix is for people with learning disabilities, their families, friends and carers

- Mix is about us and God
- Mix has got food, drinks, music, drama, story telling, arts and crafts
- Mix is free and it's for all ages
- Mix is on the 3rd Sunday of the month (except August and December)
- Mix starts at 3.30 in the afternoon
- Mix lasts an hour and a half
- Mix is at the Barn, Waterloo Road, Bidford, B50 4JN
- Mix works in partnership with local Christian churches and Prospects

MIX dates for the rest of 2016…

18th September
16th October
20th November
18th December

If you normally need the support of a carer, please bring them too

Flyers for MIX are available on the table near the door in St. Peter's Church, Welford
To find out more
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or phone Yvette (01789 750006)

OCTOBER 30

TOY SERVICE

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Family Communion Service at St. Peter's Church Welford for all the benefice churches starting at 11 am followed by a 'bring and share' lunch.

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1st Welford on Avon Brownies

During the summer term the Brownies joined with people everywhere to enjoy activities celebrating our Queen's 90th birthday. Together, girls and leaders decided on some fun ideas based around the number 90. We made a royal collage using 90 different materials; we jogged on the spot for 90 seconds and did 90 star jumps; we planted 90 cress seeds each; tried to do 90 Good Turns each; and used our bodies to make the shape 90.

One week we held a coffee evening for family and friends where we served the 90 chocolate brownies and 90 cup cakes we'd made, played royal games such as Pin the Jewels on the Crown, and managed to exceed our aim of raising £90 for Barnardos. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us.

The biggest challenge was to walk 90 miles – as a whole Brownie Pack, not each! We had 3 enjoyable evenings walking about a mile and a half each time. The first was through the bluebells in Oversley Woods – beautiful; the second was through the Heart of England Forest including a bee habitat survey; and the third was a quiz trail around our own lovely village. All in all we managed 96 miles – not bad!

Our finale of the term was a fun evening spent canoeing at Aztec Watersports. The Brownies had a great time trying to master individual kayaks and also working together to get their kata-kanus to go in the direction they wanted!

Welford Brownies starts again on Thursday 15th September from 6-7.30pm in the school hall. For more information please contact margaret.formby@btinternet.com

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There must be many people in our village, young and not so young, who have had previous bell ringing experience and we would like to meet them. Not necessarily for them to become regular members of our band, although that would be great, but just to meet up and exchange bell ringing experiences as most ringers like to do.

Please contact either:
Tower Captain - Freda 750889
Ringing Master - Edward 750623

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Empathy

Will you walk with me through the dark ways of life?
Be with me on the pathway, fearfully, cautiously,
winding through unfamiliar times and places.
Walk in my shoes – that you may accompany me on my journey?

But do not expect my shoes to be comfortable, moulded as they are by my pounding feet.
Nooks and crannies corresponding to my idiosyncrasies will not fit you.

Will you feel pinched, cramped, rubbed sore in my shoes?
Will you trip as overlarge shoes flap?
Can you take the discomfort of walking with me?
But will you come with me – come what may,
a Christ in disguise ministering to my need?

The Family of God

September 11th was designated as Racial Justice Sunday, when churches are urged to focus on the continuing need for efforts to ensure that the justice which is so emphasised by prophets such as Amos, Micah and Isaiah, and demonstrated throughout his life by Jesus, is practised today. However, the powers that be have done a swap, so that it is now to be marked on February 12th 2017. Despite the change of date, it is very clear that concern for the plight of refugees is needed right now, for life in the twenty first century continues to be very unfair, often in relation to one's nationality.

Our Stratford and Evesham Methodist circuit has the custom of a circuit project, to which all eight churches contribute. We have supported churches in Jamaica, a hospital in Sierra Leone and now our focus is on care for refugees, through Restore, an organisation based in Birmingham. We raised funds with a skittles party; we had a sponsored Fun Run, (or walk for those who can no longer run!) on September 17th in Evesham, special collections and various other activities. Welford Methodist church has earmarked some of our special service collections for this fund.

The highlight so far though has been the welcome to Stratford for a Restore day out, for almost sixty refugees, men, women and children. For those of us involved in helping, the day was an incredible experience, both heart-breaking and heart-warming. Refugees had fled from places such as Syria, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Kazakstan, Turkey, one or two from Sierra Leone. More than one said that they didn't want even to think about the journey and it was clear that the conditions under which they are living here, are so different from the homes they left, often only with what they could carry. Many had left loved ones back home, with very little news of their condition.

What a wonderful time they had, walking through the town, marvelling at the Shakespearean buildings – and at the variety of shops and restaurants, sharing a buffet lunch at the church. Then the activities: crossing the river on the Chain Ferry, the Butterfly Farm, dressing up in the costumes available at the theatre, the play area beyond the car park by the river, and finally a boat trip. So many delighted faces, especially for the children, though they were so afraid of the pet dog sharing the ferry journey. One wondered what had given rise to such fear.

Often the children, mostly now at school, translated for their elders. One family was so pleased that they had been able to bring the grandmother, who spoke very little English but had such a lovely smile. We were able to arrange such a memorable day because offers of help, financial and practical, came from so many places, reduced fees for entry, reductions on the cost of food, ►

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organisation of the food, accompanying the visitors and listening to what they wanted to share. It was very clear that life is not easy for these people on the margins of our society, but there is a lot of goodwill towards them. Stratford is busy preparing to welcome the first refugee families to find new homes in the town. The offers of help, both from church people and many others have been heartwarming.

Meeting these vulnerable people has added a new dimension to life for those of us involved. The blanket term 'refugees' is now translated into the faces of individuals, a mix of world faiths, but a reminder that we are all members of God's family and that our role in life, enabled by the power of the Spirit is to help to build God's kingdom on earth. What a privilege.

Ros Murphy

October and November Services

2nd October	11am	Harvest Service at Welford joined by congregation from Mickleton Methodist Church Rev. Ros Murphy Communion Service
9th October	11am	Anne Yelland
16th October	11am	Lilian Fitton
23rd October	-	No service
30th October	11am	Pam Randle
6th November	11am	Rev. Ros Murphy Communion Service
13th November	11am	Alan Cooper
20th November	11am	Paddy Beardsall
27th November	-	No service

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Welford Bereavement Group

The BG's (Bereavement Group) was formed to bring together people who had lost their husbands or wives; for companionship and social activities.

We meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10.30 am to enjoy coffee together. Occasionally, throughout the year, we arrange a local outing.

If you, or someone you know, would like to join us, you would be very welcome.
Please contact Jacqui Peet on 01789 750830

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Community Speed Watch

Those readers who have lived in Welford for a number of years, have witnessed a considerable increase both in the volume of traffic passing through the village and also their excessive and often dangerous speed.

The Long Marston – High Street – Binton Road with its problematical "pinch points" at The Bell and the Avon crossing, has become a "rat-run" for motorists avoiding Stratford town centre and wanting to have relative ease of access to Bromsgrove, Redditch, Solihull and South Birmingham and it will only get worse with the new residential developments to the south. The cross route from Barton to Clifford Chambers is no better.

Readers will also have noticed the increase in the numbers of "GOMs" (grumpy old men) who congregate outside Raj's shop each morning forcefully discussing and often gesticulating at the inconsiderate motorists who now plague our village roads and threaten the safety of notably the elderly and mothers with children going about their daily business.

Hence Welford's Community Speed Watch Scheme was born!

A number of us have got together, talked to PCSO 6093 Rebecca MORRIS from Warwickshire Police and a few months ago embarked upon the process of going through a police vetting system and shortly will be undertaking training sessions to enable us to stand at the side of the road, suitably attired in high visibility jackets, with a mobile camera recording offenders.

To quote from a police policy document: *"This policy aims to provide guidance which enables local communities to participate in the reduction of harm and the fear of harm through traffic dangers which arise from a real or perceived problem with traffic speed. It should be applied in order to:*

- *Reduce death and injury on the roads;*
- *Improve the quality of life for local communities;*
- *Reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit; and*
- *Increase awareness of inappropriate speed."*

The roadside recorded information will be passed to the police who will initially correspond with the offending individuals pointing out their misdemeanours and ►

confirming that the information will be held on file for a minimum of 6 years. In some cases of excessive speeds, the police may visit the individuals.

Welford Parish Council and both Councillors Barnes and Brain are fully supportive of the initiative. We have also been offered funding for road signs on entering the village which indicate the scheme is in operation

We do have volunteers, but should anyone wish to come and join us, you will be very welcome. For further information please contact either

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Plants That Pay Their Rent

As the garden starts to hunker down for winter, it is a good time to take stock – to look back over the past year and apply value judgements to each plant for what it adds to the appearance of the garden both seasonally and as a long-term occupant.

Certain plants feature high on the list of "If I had to plant my garden again I would use …". **Acer griseum**, for example, continues to improve with age, its flaking chestnut bark providing year-round interest and the summer foliage providing the dappled shade enjoyed by so many under-storey plants. The Japanese maples, too, once they are established create superb foliage highlights, increasing in dignity and stature as the years roll round. We keep young plants in pots until they are really established, and can stand the hurly-burly of the open garden.

The bright gold of **Choisya ternata Sundance** has provided brilliant patches of colour throughout the summer and continues to shine, even in the dull days of winter. Camellias look beautiful in winter with their glossy green leaves, with Spring flowers as a bonus.

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Peonies provide interesting, bright red shoots early in the year, followed by handsome foliage, sumptuous flowers and (with most tree peonies and species peonies) superb seedheads. **Hostas**, too, make superb ground cover plants, provided you take action against slugs and snails, or try growing them in pots (Vaseline on stone pots or WD40 on plastic pots prevents these critters mountaineering for their breakfast). I have a pair of Hosta 'Sum & Substance' in pots near the front door, and they make a statement for nearly six months of the year.

Clematis can be guaranteed to give your garden lots of colour, the most reliable types being the later-flowering types such as viticella or texensis hybrids; look for the Group 3 pruning wording on the label.

For late summer and autumn, some unsung heroes of the herbaceous plant world are gaura lindheimeri, agapanthus and the lovely lacecap hydrangeas. Once the gaura starts flowering it just gets better and better as the year progresses, with a constant succession of dainty white flowers looking for all the world like a flight of butterflies on the plant. ►

The hydrangeas, too, give 3-4 months colour from late July to August, at a time when many garden stalwarts have begun to flag. **Cyclamen hederifolium** is in flower now, and its superb ivy-shaped leaves are attractive ground cover in winter. Russian sage (Perovskia) is currently delighting us, along with fuchsias which come into their own from July/August.

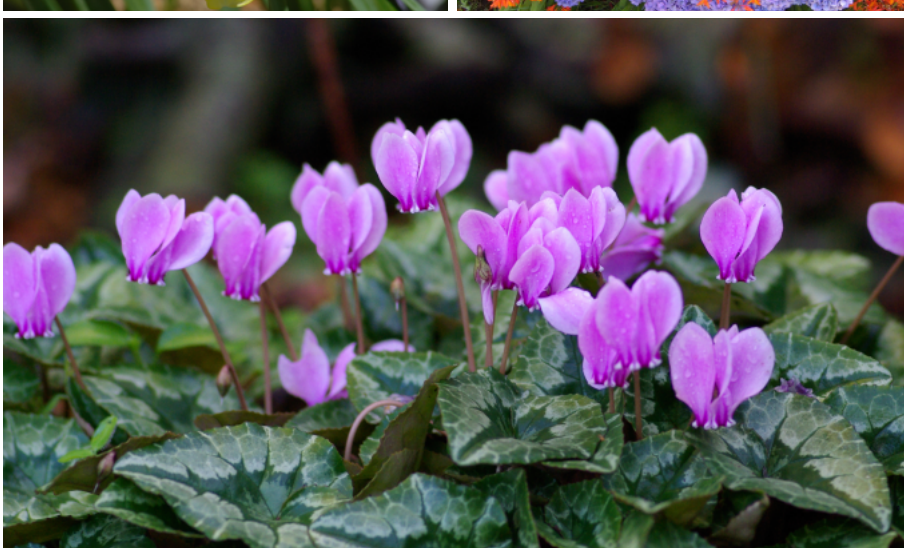
Winter is made more bearable by the exotic-looking blooms of iris unguicularis, the Algerian iris which seems so far from its native land and which throws up wave after wave of its large, fragile looking flowers from November until March. Its requirements are simple: a dryish spot tight up against a house wall, preferably south or west facing, and a reasonably spartan diet – this is not a plant which particularly enjoys the fleshpots. Cyclamen coum (particularly in the deep cerise forms) astonishes non-gardeners who can hardly believe that these tiny, delicate-looking flowers are robust enough to withstand the worst of our winter weather.

And what gardener can resist the charms of hellebores, whether the virginal white helleborus niger (the so-called Christmas Rose) or its easy-going cousins the helleborus orientalis hybrids (now correctly called helleborus x hybridus)? These are available in plain colours of white, pink, red, purple, bluish-black, or primrose, or they may have speckling within the flowers. The latest hybrids may be doubles, or anemone-centred, some have a delicate picotee edge, and others have nectaries which are deep red, or yellow, instead of the normal green. As sheer value for money these plants cannot be beaten – they flower for about 3 months commencing any time from late November (though normally starting in January) until about April, and the plants get better and better each year. If they are happy, they will seed around generously, giving you new plants for free. All they ask for is no disturbance once they have been planted (in a spot where they will not dry out) and a good annual feed.

We have been staggered this year how well abutilon megapotamicum has flowered; this is reputedly not very hardy, but flowered nonstop for us last winter.

Planting bulbs, particularly the small, autumn/winter/spring flowering ones, is a useful way to increase your plant assets. Hardy cyclamen hederifolium and cyclamen coum will not only provide autumn and winter colour, but also the most delightful groundcover with their foliage which persists until late spring. **Crocuses speciosus**, pulchellus, nudiflorus, goulimyi (all autumn flowering) and colchicums, followed by **snowdrops**, winter aconites, crocus chrysanthus, iris reticulata and anemones, and dwarf hybrid daffodils such as **Tete-a-Tete**, Jumblie, etc. will provide wave after wave of "understorey" colour and interest from September until March and generally lift the gardener's spirits. Then, before you know it, Spring has arrived and the great garden display is in full swing again.

Glenis Dyer



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Nosh and Natter

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Dates for this year are below:

10 October 2016
Autumn Lunch 11.30 – 2pm
21 November 2016
Bonfire Lunch 11.30 – 2pm
Please note this is the Third Monday in the Month
12 December 2016
Turkey Tinsel 12.00 – 3pm
This will be our 3rd Anniversary so let's have a good celebration.
For more information please contact Barbara on 720630

Trips 4 U

Was started after Nosh and Natter to take people out for the day or on our two holidays a year these trips are suitable for older people. Please find below dates left for this year - there are spaces on all.

Thursday, 6 October 2016
Covent Garden G2G
Leaving Meon Vale/Quinton 9am
Arrive London 1pm
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Depart 6pm Arrive back about 10pm
Cost £25

Wednesday, 30 November 2016
Combined Shopping Trip and Festival lunch
Tamworth Shopping Centre and Planters Garden Centre
Leaving Meon Vale/Quinton 9am
Arrive Tamworth 10.15am
Leave 12.45pm to go to Planters for Lunch.
Cost £30

Wednesday, 24 January 2017
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Welford and Weston on Avon Memorial Hall

Located in the centre of the village opposite the Maypole, the Memorial Hall is a key venue for many village activities.

Local clubs and societies rent the hall and lettings are also made to the Parish Council as well as the general public for parties, meetings and even wedding receptions.

The Hall is let in 4 hourly sessions and include the use of all services and facilities. The booking rates are shown on the parish website and bookings can be made directly via Hayley Robinson on 01789 751377. The rates are nominally £40 for a 4 hour session (morning, afternoon or evening) although we are looking at alternative charging rates for shorter sessions, based on feedback.

'This year the Street Fair raised over £2000'

However - it is a sad fact that the Hall use has declined in recent years with alternate venues and ideas for parties and other celebration activities and events, to a point where the lettings income of the Hall does not cover the running costs (heating, lighting, maintenance, cleaning, insurance etc.) which is why we have an enthusiastic Committee who manage the Hall and also co-ordinate necessary fund raising activities.

This year the ever popular Street Fair raised over £2000 thanks to the support of villagers and visitors alike. We support the NGS Open Gardens with the Teas, hold the annual Village Christmas party and other events to help maintain this valuable village facility. Running events can be hard work and the Hall Committee would love to hear from you, with ideas of events that we can help facilitate, to further engage new residents to the village as well as those more established residents and in turn help protect the future of the Hall.

This is a village facility that should and could be used more – so please support the Hall either by volunteering to help and/or by attending events to ensure their success. We look forward to welcoming you at the next activity in the Hall.

Memorial Hall Committee

Report from Peter Barnes, District Councillor

The Core Strategy has at last been agreed by the full Stratford Council - some of you will have seen the full report (which is available on their website). What it means for our village is that we should now be able to have what we want and not just what the builders and developers want. In addition Welford now has a neighbourhood plan reflecting the views of the local residents and this has been returned from public examination and there are now consultations with SDC on the examiner's comments.

There is a demand for bungalows in some villages, play areas in others and in Luddington they want to extend the conservation area to include the river. The most popular choice in Stratford was for 2 bedroom apartments. Having both a parish plan and a Core Strategy should mean that we have a lot more control than we did before.

Also in Luddington, their County Councillor is granting money for traffic calming while in Welford we have asked our Councillor for a gun for speed enforcement. After fighting for 2 years it has been agreed to reduce the speed on the road between Welford and Long Marston.

Rainbow Nurseries - you may remember that planning permission was granted for an 8-pitch site in the Core Strategy, proposed by Cllr. Brain at cabinet. The applicants have put forward conditions which have 4 metre high lights which I am totally against, but instead one and a half metre ground lights have been suggested which will be a lot better in open countryside.

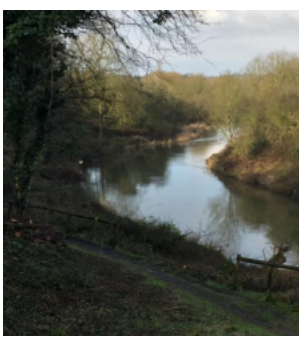
Peter Barnes

Parish Council

The Parish Council welcomes the new look village magazine "Welford Matters" with great delight. We have a really dedicated group of people who have made this happen and brought it to your front door. Building on the success of the previous Parish Magazine, there continues to be strong interest from lots of village groups and societies and I'm sure you will agree this looks like it is going to be a great platform to get yourselves really known around the village.

The Parish Council has seed funded the first few editions however the team are looking to make this financially self sustaining and as such are looking to advertising and direct sponsorship to make it a long term and sustainable venture. If you are interested in contributing, sponsoring and helping I know the editorial team will be delighted to hear from you. It's great to see this come from an idea to a real product in such a short time; the Parish Council would like to thank the Welford Matters editorial team for their great work.

The Parish Council continues to be busy keeping Welford an energetic and lovely place to live. Your Councillors are listed in the village directory on the back page. As you may have noticed planning still dominates our activities but we have made great strides in other areas as well, notably at Cress Hill and the Parish Council website: www.welfordonavon.com ►



The Neighbourhood Plan is nearing completion, after significant delays with the formal process, however now Stratford District Council has the local planning Core Strategy document agreed we should be able to get our NP finalised pretty quickly. I'd like to thank the NP team for sticking with it for nearly 3 years and seeing it through to completion as well as my fellow Parish Councillors, our District and County Councillors and the Parish Clerk.

Simon Carter
Chair of Welford on Avon Parish Council

What does your Parish Council do?

Welford-on-Avon Parish Council is the first tier of government for the parish of Welford and is committed to working together with residents for the benefit of the parish. It is a statutory body and has wide ranging powers and interests.

The Council has 7 elected councillors and one part-time employee, the Clerk, who carries out the administration and financial duties. Full Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Memorial Hall. Planning Committee meetings are held a fortnight before the full meeting in the Chapel Rooms. The Parish Council also hosts the Annual Parish Meeting which is usually held in May.

Notices of meetings are posted on the notice board on Bell Green and on the website and are open for all village residents to attend.

Welford Angling Club

A new venture at Cress Hill.

Situated to the south of Barton Road and owned by Welford Parish Council, Cress Hill as well as being a wooded site with picnic area and far reaching views, now also offers an opportuniy for angling. As part of the regeneration four new fishing stations will be installed together wth a safe access path to the river bank. Consequently a Welford on Avon Angling Club is in the process of being formed. All are welcome.

Yearly membership	**£30 per person**
Day rate	**£5**
Children under 16 (must be accompanied by adult)	**Free**

Please contact Brian Quelch for further details 07973 414230

Significant planning decisions issued and appeals determined in Welford-on-Avon

January 2016 – August 2016

We are aware that many readers of the Parish News followed the "ups and downs" of the planning process via that publication. In an attempt to update you, here are the most significant decisions this year so far.

APP/J3720/W/15/3133509	**238 High Street** Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of 2 no. dwellings	**APPEAL ALLOWED**
15/02715/FUL	**Milfield, Binton Road** Erection of dwelling at rear of Milfield House	**GRANTED** **11 conditions**
15/03038/OUT	**Land off Binton Road** Outline application for erection of one bungalow and improvements to existing driveway	**GRANTED** **12 conditions**
APP/J3720/W/15/303766	**Rainbow Nurseries, Welford Hill** Change of use of part of garden nursery to residential caravan site for 6 gypsy families	**APPEAL ALLOWED**
APP/J3720/W/15/3139091	**Broad Highway, Hunt Hall Lane** Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of five houses and a shared surface road. Closure of existing access and construction of new vehicular access	**APPEAL DISMISSED**
15/03884/FUL	**Land adjacent to Tokoloshe, Long Marston Road** Construction of 5 dwellings, new access road and associated works. Separate access to Tokoloshe	**GRANTED** **12 conditions**
15/04203/FUL	**Box Acre, Barton Road** Construction of 2 new dwellings with Associated access and landscaping and repositioning of workshed	**GRANTED** **23 conditions**
16/00403/FUL	**Land at the rear of Vine House, High Street** New detached dwelling	**REFUSED**
15/02145/FUL	**Rainbow Nurseries, Welford Hill, Long Marston Road** Material change of use of land from a mixed use for horticulture and as a residential caravan site for 3 gypsy families, to use as a residential caravan site for 8 gypsy families, including the laying of hardstanding, provision of foul drainage and creation of a new access onto Long Marston Road	**GRANTED** **19 conditions**
16/00974/FUL	**Land to the rear of Greenbank Cottage, Church Street** Construction of dwellinghouse and detached carport/log store. Demolition of existing double garage, construction of replacement double garage.	**REFUSED**
16/00380/FUL	**Church Bank, Binton Road** One two storey 5 bed house	**GRANTED** **12 conditions**
16/01478/OUT	**9 Millers Close** Outline application for the construction of a new detached dwelling with a new shared access following demolition of a single storey side extension	**GRANTED** **14 conditions**

What's on in Welford

History Society: Richard III
7:30 pm Friday, 30 September - Memorial Hall

Harvest Thanksgiving
10:30 am Sunday, 2 October - St Peter's Church

Parish Council Meeting
7:15 pm Tuesday, 4 October - Memorial Hall

Welford Wives: Severn Free Wheelers
7:00 pm Wednesday, 5 October - Memorial Hall

Harvest Supper and Skittles Evening
7:00 pm Saturday, 8 October - Welford Bowls Club

Parish Council Planning Meeting
7:15 pm Tuesday, 18 October - Chapel Rooms

Toy Service
11:00 am Sunday, 30 October - St Peter's Church

Parish Council Meeting
7:15 pm Tuesday, 1 November - Memorial Hall

Parish Council Planning Meeting
7:15 pm Tuesday, 22 November - Chapel Rooms

History Society: Iron Age Pits in Welford
7:30 pm Friday, 25 November - Memorial Hall

Parish Council Meeting
7:15 pm Tuesday, 6 December - Memorial Hall

Village Christmas Party
7:30 pm Saturday, 10 December - Memorial Hall

Parish Council Planning Meeting
7:15 pm Tuesday, 13 December - Chapel Rooms

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If so, we would love to hear from you – please contact us at **welfordmatters@gmail.com**

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